



Prologie: WHILE EXPLORING AN LINCHARTED LEG OF THE AMAZON PRIVER, PROFESSOR JOHN BUTLER AND HIS FAMILY ARE SUDDENCY CAUGHT IN A GIANT WHIBLPOOL AND CASTAWAY INTO A MYSTERIOLS PRE-HISTORIC VALLEY.



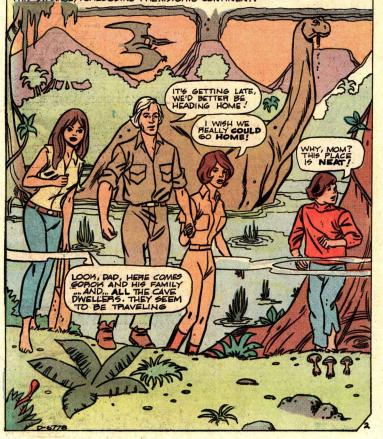


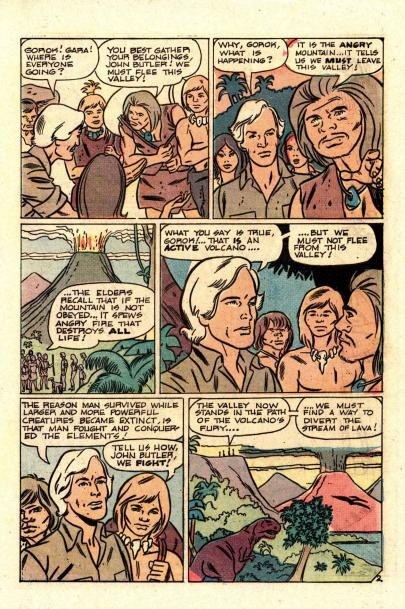
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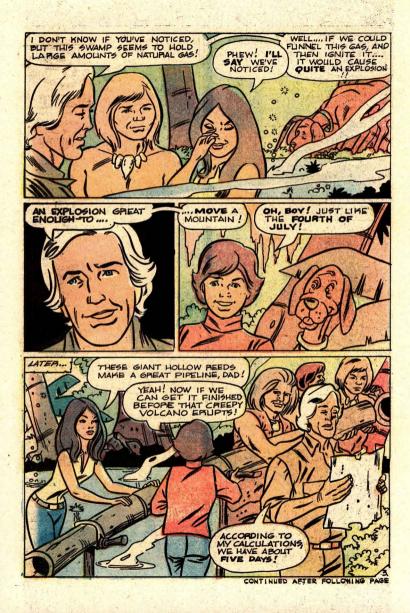
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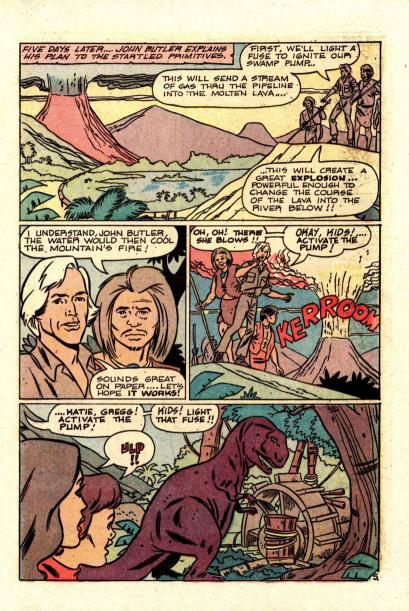
PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER CREATURE, MAN HAS BEEN ENDOWED WITH FORMIDABLE INSTINCTS OF SELF-PRESERVATION...THESE SAME INSTINCTS ARE SEVERELY TESTED AS JOHN BUTLER AND HIS FAMILY STRIVE FOR SURVIVAL IN THIS STRANGE, ROREBODING PREHISTORIC CONTINENT.

















"What are those stronge noises?" asked Flame Sparkle, the space girl explorer, of her battery-powered buddy, Plugg, the robot. "I think something is wrong with the engine!" answered Flame's mechanical pal as he rolled away from his position near the control board. Plugg shifted into high gear and relled to the back part of the space rocket where the engine was located. "Ka-bam ... Ka-boom! ... Clink ... Clink ... Pow!" sputtered the rocket engine. It caused the entire spaceship to wobble. Flame was having a very hard time keeping the ship on course. She was checking the many dials and gadgets and ruling to hold the steering column steady. She poered out of the rocket's front porthole to make sure she wouldn't crack into a space freighter or sight-seeing

ship.

"Look out!" shouted Plugg pointing at something he saw through the space windshield. It was a huge, burning meteorite speeding straight towards their ship. "Jumping Jupiter!" muttered Flame as she kept a cool head and turned the disabled ship? controls as feat and as hard as she could. The ship veered sharply to the left and avoided a head-on collision; but the meteorite struck one of the ship's blaster fins.

"We're out of control!" screamed Plugg as the ship turned upsidedown. Flame guickly made the necessary adjustments at the control panel. "There! That should do it!" she said as she pushed the gravity button and turned the stabilizer dial. The spaceship turned right-sideup once again. "Whew, you syne know how to fly dis' rocket powered kite ..." said a relieved Plugg to Flame. "... But, what are we going to do about the engine? It could break down at any minute. We could explode and burn up a nova." Flame knew that Plugg was right. A faulty rocket engine in space was a serious problem.

"There are no rocket mechanics or high octane fuel stations up here. We will have to pull over to an asteroid and fix it. aurselves." replied Flame. Plugg nodded his metal head. His neck springs squeaked. "It sounds like you could use an eil change yourself." teased Flame. "I've still got three thousand miles to' go on my five thousand mile checkup," he answered jokingly. The two space companions laughed as they scanned the twinkling stars above looking for a suitable place to park their spaceship.

"There is a good one!" soid Plugg as he pressed his metal ness against a porthole. He pointed at a floating chunk of gray rock about the size of a baseball infield. Flame saw the asteroid. She pulled the spaceship over to it and parked. Flame put on her spacesuit and her



and then tied a safety rope around her waist. Plugg tied the other end of the rope around his waist and picked up the tool kit. Plugg didn't need magnetic shoes or a space helmet.

He had special space adaptors built into his transistors. Flome pressed the button of the air lock and the space hatch opened. The two explorers stepped out onto the hull of the damaged spaceship, which was parked on the edge of the asteroid. They were in outer right down the side of the spaceship. Her magnetic boots made "clink" like noises as she moved towards the bent fin and the damaged engine. Plugg rolled down the side of the ship behind her.

Suddenly, Flame lost her balance. She tripped and fell. Her magnetic shoes lost contact with the ship's metal hull. She began to drift off into endless, black



space. "Help! Help! Pull in the safety rope, Plugg!" she called to her transistor powered pariner. Plugg quickly dropped the tool kit and grabbed the rope around his waist. He knew if he weited too long the rope could break and Flame would drift hopelessly in space forever. He pulled her in and pressed her magnetic shoes firmly against the ship's side.

The two explorers quickly took out their tools. They straightened the crumpled blaster fin and fixed the engine. It was hard work but they worked fast and soon they were finished. "Thanks for saving me..." said Flame to Plugg once they were back inside their ship. "... Here's your reword." Flame tooke out on all can and alled Plugg's squeaky nock. "Many thanks!" he muttered as he nedded his metal head. The squeak was gone! The two friends laughed and prepared to blast off!







